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GATEWAY CITY.

CAN  
ANYONE  
HEAR  
ME?

ANYONE?  
WONDER  
WOMAN?  
FLASH?

I **KNOW** I SHOULD  
HAVE STAYED LOW, BUT  
I SAW PEOPLE IN TROUBLE  
AND I COULDN'T  
JUST...

...I HAD TO DO  
**SOMETHING**, BUT  
NO SOONER DID I STEP IN  
AGAINST THE **FEARSOME  
FIVE**...

HAWKGIRL

...THAN WE **ALL**  
GOT DEPOWERED BY  
ONE OF WALLER'S  
AMAZOS.

APPARENTLY, SHE'S  
STARTED COLLECTING  
**SUPER-VILLAINS** NOW,  
TOO, AND I STEPPED INTO  
THE **CROSS FIRE**.

**MAMMOTH**  
AND I BOTH GOT  
AWAY, BUT JUST  
**BARELY**.

PLEASE--IS  
THERE ANYONE  
LISTENING?

ANYONE  
AT ALL?



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## CHAPTER THREE

# LAST STAND

The Fortress of Solitude has fallen. Amanda Waller's planetwide blitzkrieg to depower Earth's metahumans rolls on with a new general on the battlefield: a corrupted and technologically altered Jon Kent. The Super Son, alongside the Brainiac Queen and Amazo-powered Task Force VII, invaded Superman's sanctuary to devastating results...and the remaining heroes of Earth barely escaped the battle of the fortress with their lives. But thanks to the sacrifice of Dreamer and a last-ditch escape hatch, the resistance lives on...

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**GAMORRA  
ISLAND.**

REMAND THE  
VILLAINS BACK TO  
THEIR RESPECTIVE  
PRISONS.

WITH A FEW  
EXCEPTIONS,  
THE SUPERMAX IS  
RESERVED FOR THE  
DO-GOODERS.

STILL NOTHING  
ON THE FORTRESS  
REFUGEES?

THE SUPER  
SON IS SEARCHING  
THE GLOBE AT SUPER-  
SPEED. IT WON'T BE LONG  
BEFORE THE SURVIVORS  
SHOW THEMSELVES.

**BRAINIAC  
QUEEN**

**AMANDA  
WALLER**

**FAILSAFE**

AND  
YOUR TASK  
FORCE?

FAST APPROACHING A 100  
PERCENT APPREHENSION  
RATE ON BOTH HEROES  
AND VILLAINS.

SOME OF THE UNITS--  
PARTICULARLY JADESTONE  
AND VELOCITY--ARE BECOMING  
MARGINALLY LESS RESPONSIVE  
FOR SOME REASON.

IF IT CONTINUES TO BE AN  
ISSUE, I WILL REMOTE-  
ACTIVATE A PARTIAL RESET.

UNTIL THEN, YOU  
AND BRAINIAC QUEEN  
START OVERSEAS  
OPERATIONS.

MY  
LITTLE GIRL IS  
HUNGRY.





NNNNHHH

WHERE...  
WHERE ARE  
WE...?



RISE **SLOWLY**, DOCTOR. OUR  
ESCAPE FROM THE **FORTRESS** WAS  
**NARROW**, AND THE SUDDENNESS OF  
TELEPORTAL TRAVEL WAS  
**STRESSFUL**.

BUT WE ARE  
**SAFE** FOR THE  
MOMENT, AS YOU  
CAN SEE.

"SEE"...

**RED  
TORNADO**,  
IS IT?

AMAZO TAGGED THIS  
OLD BLIND MAN **GOOD**,  
PAL. MY "POWER" WAS THE  
ABILITY TO **SEE** THROUGH  
**SPECIAL LENSES**.  
WITHOUT IT...

...WELL...I'M  
NOT MUCH USE TO  
**ANYBODY**.



I HEAR  
YOU.

WITHOUT MY  
**AIR WAVE** HELMET,  
I'M JUST SOME KID  
FROM **TEXAS**. WHERE  
DOES THAT LEAVE  
ME?

**ALIVE.**



DO I HEAR  
**NIGHTWING**...?

WE'VE ALREADY  
LOST **DREAMER**. I NEED  
EVERYONE ELSE TO STAY  
**HOPEFUL** AND GIVE THEIR  
**ALL** TODAY. THAT'S HOW  
WE TAKE BACK WHAT'S  
**OURS**.

**MR. TERRIFIC** GOT  
US TO **SAFETY**, DOCTOR,  
THOUGH I DO REGRET THAT  
YOU'RE MISSING OUT ON AN  
**AMAZING SIGHT**.





"WE'RE ON  
**THEMYSKIRA--**

"--ISLAND OF  
THE AMAZONS.

"QUEEN NUBIA WAS...**NOT**  
HAPPY TO FIND US ALL  
DUMPED ON HER LAWN...

"...ESPECIALLY GIVEN  
THAT THE AMAZONS ARE  
STILL **WANTED** BY THE  
U.S. GOVERNMENT  
AND DON'T NEED ANY  
**MORE** TROUBLE...



"...BUT **WONDER WOMAN** AND  
**WONDER GIRL** MANAGED TO BUY  
US A FEW HOURS OF **GOODWILL**  
FROM QUEEN NUBIA'S COUNCIL."



I DO NOT  
**UNDERSTAND**. WHY  
TELEPORT US FROM **ONE**  
HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT  
TO **ANOTHER**?

WHEN YOU  
HAVE **SECONDS**  
TO **CHOOSE**, BARD,  
YOU CALL AN  
**AUDIBLE**.

I PICKED  
A PLACE WITH  
**SUPERNATURAL**  
**CLOAKING** THAT  
**KRYPTONIAN**  
**POWERS** CAN'T  
**DETECT**.

IN FACT,  
THIS ISLAND IS  
**SUFFUSED** WITH  
**MAGIC**. TRUST  
ME.









OKAY,  
LISTEN  
UP!

**BLACK CANARY**  
ELECTED TO STRIKE OUT  
ON HER OWN TO FIGURE OUT  
WHY **GREEN ARROW**  
ALIGNED WITH THE  
**ENEMY.**

**SUPERMAN,**  
**BATMAN, WONDER**  
**WOMAN, ROBIN, AND**  
**ZATANNA** ARE CARRYING  
OUT THEIR ASSIGNED  
MISSIONS.



WALLER THINKS  
THE **REST** OF US  
ARE **BEATEN** AND  
**BROKEN**, WHICH IS  
WHAT WE WANT.

THE **LAST**  
THING SHE'S  
EXPECTING IS A  
**COUNTERSTRIKE**,  
SO WE HIT BACK  
**HARD.**



WITH...WHAT?  
I CAN'T EVEN  
THROW A DECENT  
PUNCH.

GLAD YOU  
ASKED. **GREEN**  
**LANTERN?**



WITH  
THE **GOOD**  
**STUFF.**  
**A BUNCH**  
OF WEAPONS FROM  
**JUSTICE LEAGUE**  
**STORAGE.**

COLD GUN,  
WEATHER WAND,  
A LIGHTNING  
AXE--

**DIBS!**

HARDLY **AMAZO-**  
LEVEL FIREPOWER,  
BUT YOU WON'T BE  
**DEFENSELESS.**







**MINISTRY OF SELF-  
RELIANCE HQ.  
SHANGHAI,  
CHINA.**

<VICE-CHAIRMAN,  
WE CANNOT **RESTRAIN**  
OURSELVES IN THE FACE  
OF AMERICAN **META-**  
**AGGRESSION!**>\*

<**THE GREAT  
TEN ARE NOW  
PRISONERS--**>

<--CAPTURED  
BY THE **ROBOTIC**  
**SOLDIERS** OF THE AMERICAN  
WAR CRIMINAL **AMANDA WALLER**  
AND BEING HELD WHO  
KNOWS WHERE!>

<GENERAL, REST  
**ASSURED** WE ARE PREPARING  
AN **OFFICIAL RESPONSE**, BUT  
TO DECLARE **OPEN WAR** ON  
THE UNITED STATES-->

\*TRANSLATED FROM  
MANDARIN.--PAUL

**CRACKSSH**

<--WOULD BE  
**POINTLESS.**>

<THIS MORNING, WALLER  
DECIDED SHE HAS NO  
FURTHER **USE** FOR THE  
U.S. GOVERNMENT.>

<OUR **MINISTRY OF  
ORDER** IS NOW A WORLD  
POWER **UNTO ITSELF--** AND  
YOU ARE ADDRESSING ITS  
**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.**>





<...THE  
BATMAN...?>

<BETTER. YOU  
WILL ADDRESS ME  
AS FAILSAFE.>

<AND YOU MAY REST ASSURED  
THAT WE HAVE NO ANTAGONISM  
TOWARDS ANY FOREIGN POWER. WE  
ARE SIMPLY REMOVING THE GLOBAL  
THREAT OF METAHUMANS.>

<YOU SHOULD BE  
THANKING US.>



<FOR  
CONDESCENDING?  
FAILSAFE, WE HAVE EYES  
AND EARS EVERYWHERE.  
WE KNOW FAR MORE ABOUT  
WALLER THAN SHE  
REALIZES.>



<AS DO WE ABOUT  
THE PEOPLE'S  
REPUBLIC,  
VICE-CHAIRMAN.>

"<AS WE SPEAK, OUR HEAD OF  
INTELLIGENCE, THE BRAINIAC  
QUEEN, IS SIPHONING OFF EVERY  
BIT OF DATA FROM YOUR  
GOVERNMENT SERVERS.>

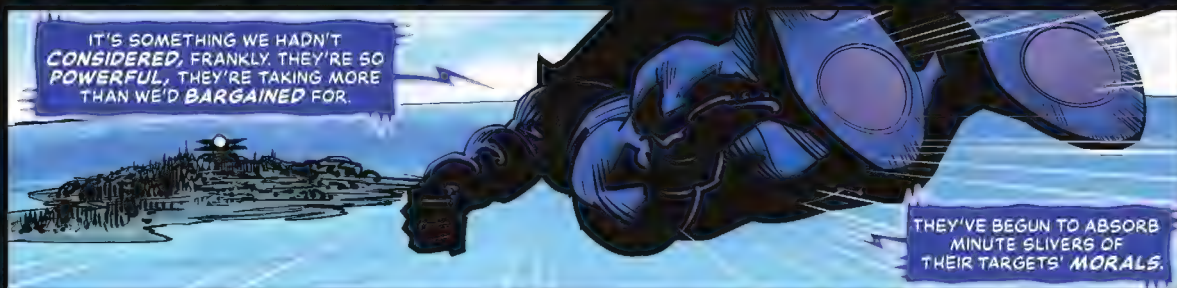
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LEARNING IS  
SHOCKINGLY  
INSATIABLE.>

"<JUST ASK  
RUSSIA, OR  
JAPAN.>

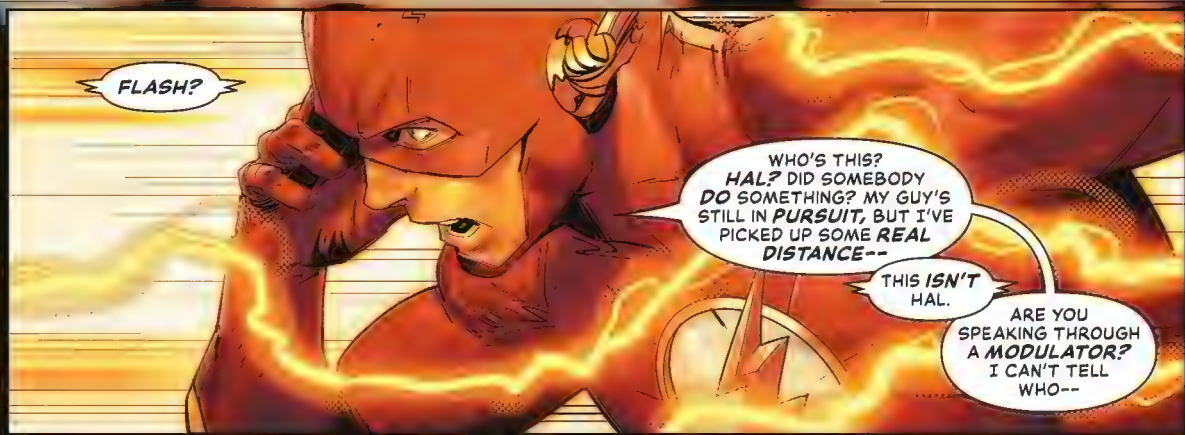
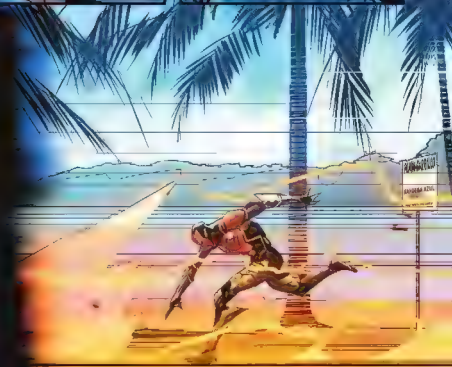
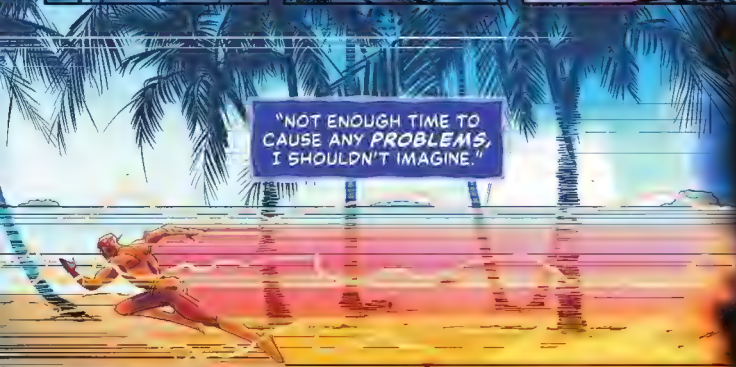
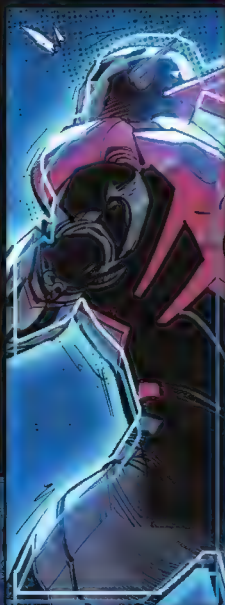
<CONSIDER THAT  
AS YOU CRAFT YOUR  
OFFICIAL LETTER OF  
GRATITUDE.>

FAILSAFE,  
THIS IS WALLER.  
REPORT BACK  
IMMEDIATELY.











IT DOESN'T  
MATTER. JUST  
SOMEONE YOU  
CAN TRUST.

WALLER'S RUNNING A  
SUPERMAX PRISON OFF  
THE COAST OF GAMORRA.  
YOU NEED TO GET TO THE  
LOWER LEVELS.  
NOW.

AND DO  
WHAT, MYSTERY  
MAN?

WHAT FLASH  
ALWAYS DOES IN  
A CRISIS--



--SAVE THE  
WORLD OR DIE  
TRYING.

OVER  
AND OUT.

HOW COME NO  
ONE MENTIONED  
BIZARRO?!



O.S.S. REVE.









WAIT...WHAT AM  
HAPPENING?

WHY BIZARRO  
H-HURT?

NO! STAY  
AWAY!

AAAAH!  
AAAAH!



EXPLAIN HOW YOU  
BEAT BIZARRO WITH  
A BOUQUET?

AAAAH!

ALIEN FLORA. HE  
THINKS HE MURDERED  
US. THE BLACK MERCY  
PUTS YOU IN A FANTASY  
WORLD WHERE YOU'RE  
LIVING YOUR FOND  
DREAMS.

GUESS IT  
FIGURES THAT  
POOR BIZARRO  
IS NOW SLIDING  
INTO HIS WORST  
NIGHTMARES.  
THIS WAY.

BELOW  
DECK

WILL YOU TAKE THAT  
RIDICULOUS THING  
OFF?

THE HELMET  
OF AZTEK GAVE  
ITS LATE WEARER  
SUPERHUMAN  
POWERS.

"LATE"?

WAS HE  
EXECUTED  
FOR FASHION  
CRIMES?

PATIENCE. I AM  
STILL ATTEMPTING  
TO ACCESS ITS  
INTRICACIES.





BINGO.  
THERE'S STARR--  
A.K.A THE TIME  
COMMANDER.



GOOD  
NEWS, EVILDOER!  
YOU'RE BEING  
SPRUNG!

WHAT? GOD...  
NO! WALLER HAS ME  
UNDER GUARD! WE'LL  
NEVER GET PAST  
BLACK ALICE!

WE'RE THE  
GOOD GUYS, DUDE.  
LET US WORRY ABOUT  
THE TEENAGE  
GOTH.



YEAH?

HNNGHH!?



--IS  
INTANGIBILITY!



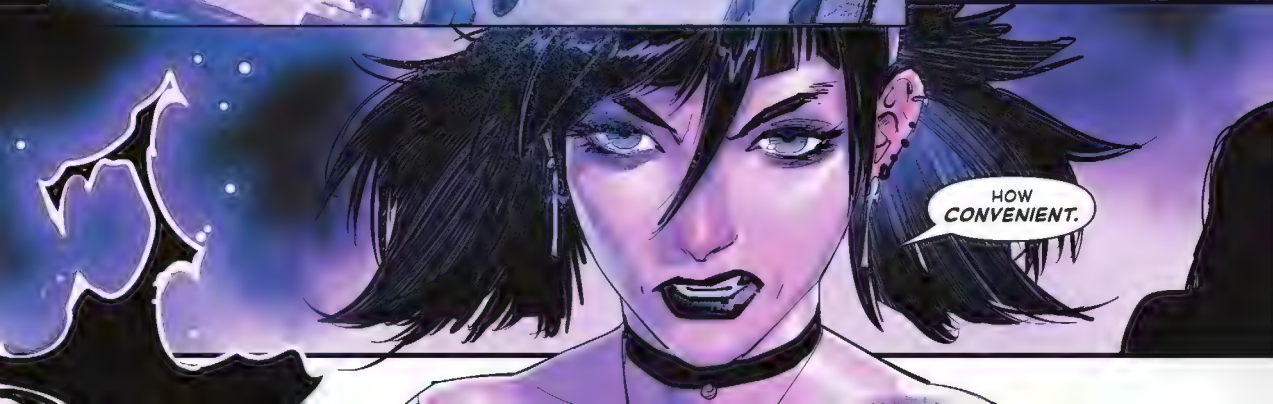
GHAAAH!

THE  
HELMET--

HNNGH!

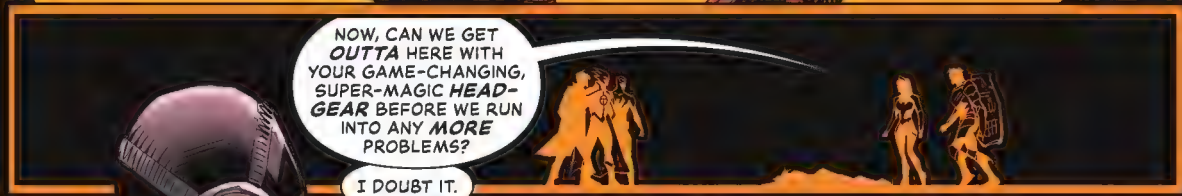
--THE HELMET IS  
ACTIVATING!

IT'S DEFENSE  
MECHANISM--



HOW  
CONVENIENT.







**COSTA RICA.**

NIGHTWING, THIS IS ZEALOT! IF YOU CAN READ ME, WE TRIED TO RECOVER BLACK ORCHID--

--BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE IT **BACK** WITHOUT ASSISTANCE!



THEN YOU SHALL HAVE IT! TEAR INTO HIM!

WHO--?



I AM CADEJOS! HE IS RANA DORADA! AND WE REJECT WALLER'S PROPAGANDA!

WE WILL NOT BEND THE KNEE BEFORE HER!

**GO!**

DAMN IT! DEPTH CHARGE WASN'T ABLE TO FOLLOW THEM!

AND NEW METAS? HAVE THEY NOT BEEN PAYING ATTENTION?

YOU CAN'T MAKE **EVERYONE** HATE CAPES AS MUCH AS YOU DO, WALLER, NO MATTER **HOW** MUCH FAKE NEWS YOU PUMP OUT.

THAT'S THE **ONE** THING THEY CAN DO THAT YOU **CAN'T**; NO MATTER HOW MUCH POWER YOU GRAB:

**INSPIRE.**





AIR WAVE,  
RIGHT? ARE YOU  
OKAY?

NO.  
I FEEL... I  
FEEL...



"YOU'RE GRIEVING.  
WE ALL ARE. LOSS  
IS A TERRIBLE  
SENSATION."

"THE SPEEDSTERS FEEL  
CHAINED. THE FLIERS FEEL  
LEADEN. THE INVULNERABLE  
FEEL EVERYTHING."



WHAT  
ABOUT  
YOU?

I'M MOSTLY  
PISSED.

WALK ME  
THROUGH  
THAT.

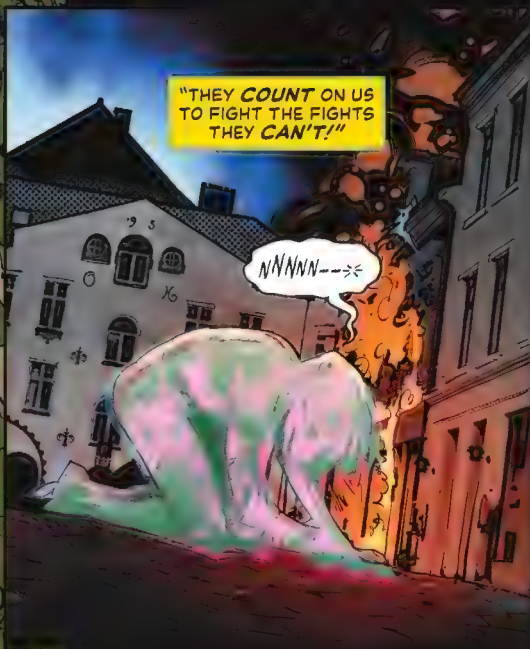
IT'S  
JUST...



"...THERE ARE ORDINARY  
PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO  
NEED US, YOU KNOW?  
EVERY DAY!"

GLACIER,  
IS THAT ALL  
OF THEM?

THERE ARE  
STILL SOME  
INSIDE! I'LL--



"THEY COUNT ON US  
TO FIGHT THE FIGHTS  
THEY CAN'T!"

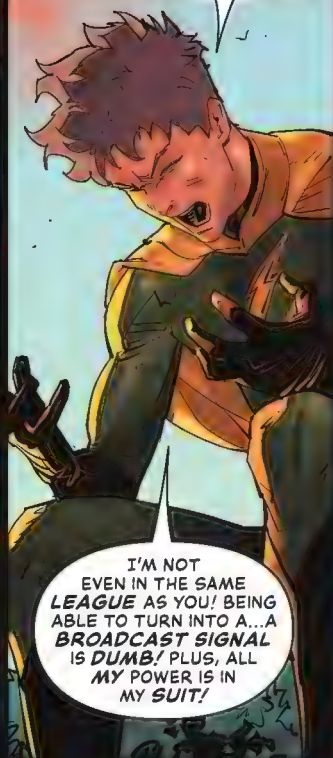
NNNN--~



"THAT'S WHAT WALLER  
& \$%& TOOK FROM US!  
THE POWER TO HELP!"



LOOK AT  
ME NOW! WHAT  
AM I DOING  
HERE?

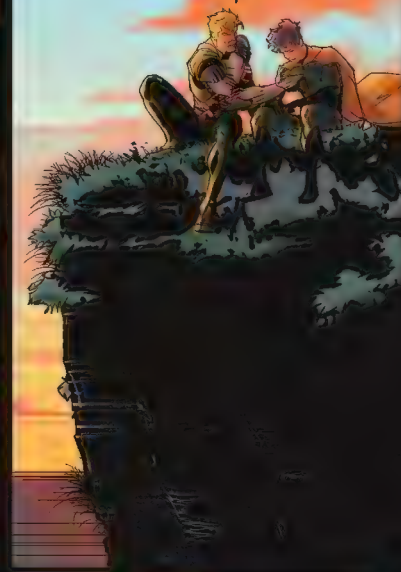


I'M NOT  
EVEN IN THE SAME  
LEAGUE AS YOU! BEING  
ABLE TO TURN INTO A...A  
BROADCAST SIGNAL  
IS DUMB! PLUS, ALL  
MY POWER IS IN  
MY SUIT!

WRONG.  
YOUR SUIT IS  
A TOOL.

YOUR  
POWER IS  
IN HERE.

GOT  
IT?



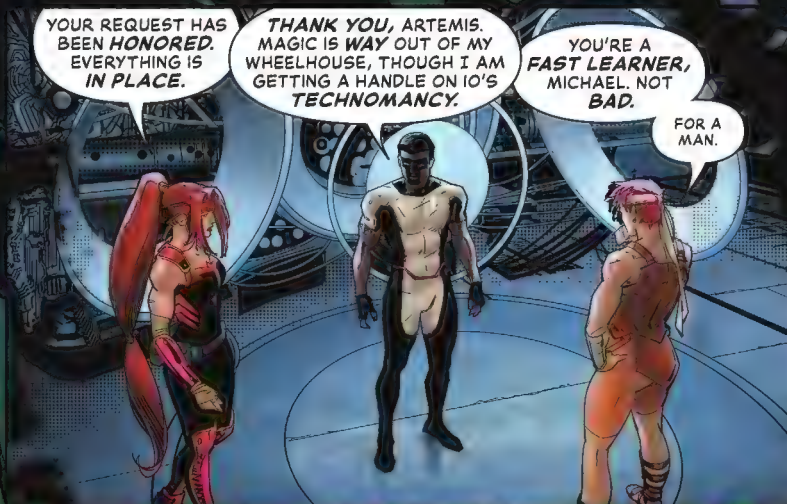
NO MATTER YOUR  
LOSS, SOMEONE  
OUT THERE HAS  
LOST MORE.



"DON'T EVER  
STOP FIGHTING  
FOR THEM."







YOUR REQUEST HAS  
BEEN **HONORED**.  
EVERYTHING IS  
IN PLACE.

THANK YOU, ARTEMIS.  
MAGIC IS WAY OUT OF MY  
WHEELHOUSE, THOUGH I AM  
GETTING A HANDLE ON IO'S  
**TECHNOMANCY**.

YOU'RE A  
**FAST LEARNER**,  
MICHAEL. NOT  
BAD.

FOR A  
MAN.



WHAT--?



MOTHER, WE  
HAVE **LOCATED**  
THE FUGITIVES AND  
UNCOVERED THEIR  
BASE.

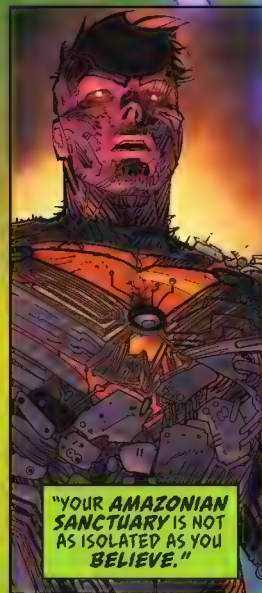
THEIR  
SUBJUGATION IS  
**IMMINENT**.

"WE"  
HAVE...?

OH NO.



"NO, NO,  
NO!"



"YOUR **AMAZONIAN**  
SANCTUARY IS NOT  
AS ISOLATED AS YOU  
BELIEVE."





YOUR  
"RED TORNADO,"  
EVEN NEAR DEATH,  
HARBORS ARTIFICIAL  
INTELLIGENCE. AND  
WHEN I REACHED OUT  
GLOBALLY...

...HIS  
SYSTEMS  
ANSWERED  
MY CALL.



PUNISH  
THEM, SUPER  
SON.



THE  
OTHERS WILL  
NOT MAKE IT  
BACK IN  
TIME.

THIS  
FIGHT IS OURS  
ALONE.



I HAVE  
READYED OUR  
DEFENSE.



WAIT!  
NIGHTWING  
SAID NOT  
TO--

BATMAN'S  
CHILD IS NOT  
HERE.

THIS IS A **BATTLEFIELD**  
FROM WHICH THERE IS  
NOW **NO EXIT**.

"**COMPASSION**  
IS A LUXURY WE  
DO NOT HAVE.

"**TODAY, WE KILL  
OR WE DIE. IT IS  
THAT SIMPLE.**"

**AAAH!**  
YOU!  
WHY WOULD  
YOU--

BECAUSE (A)  
I'M IN CHARGE,  
AND (B) I KNOW  
SOMETHING  
YOU DON'T.

A SECRET  
**TERRIFIC** AND  
I COULDN'T RISK  
GETTING **OVERHEARD**  
WITH **SUPER-  
HEARING**.

**JON! DOWN  
HERE!**





YOU WANT  
TO FIGHT ME,  
LET'S GO TOE-  
TO-TOE!

MEET  
ME ON MY  
LEVEL!

COME  
ON...COME  
ON...



EYAAAAARGGH!

WHAT THE  
HELL?



TERRIFIC'S  
IDEA, ARTEMIS'S  
EXECUTION!

THE MOMENT  
JON SET FOOT ON  
THE GROUND UNINVITED,  
HE SPRUNG THE  
TRAP!

THE ISLAND  
IS SUFFUSED WITH  
MAGIC--AND RIGHT NOW,  
EVERY BIT OF IT IS  
BEING FOCUSED  
ON HIM--

--PURGING  
HIS SYSTEM OF  
BRAINAC QUEEN'S  
CIRCUITRY!

JON,  
RESIST HER!  
DON'T LET HER  
DOMINATE  
YOU!





HE IS NOT  
LETTING ME DO  
ANYTHING.

I AM IN  
CONTROL!



WE BOTH  
SERVE MOTHER  
WALLER--NOW AND  
FOREVER!



SHE HAS  
SHOWN ME YOUR  
EVIL. TOGETHER, WE  
WILL ELIMINATE THE  
METAHUMAN  
THREAT.

ANY OTHER  
ACTION IS  
POINTLESS.



JON, FIGHT!  
FIIIGHT!



D-DAD...



NO.  
MOTHER.

NOOOOOOOOOO!

I'VE BEEN  
INSIDE YOUR  
HEAD, TOO!

WALLER LIED  
TO YOU! EVERYTHING  
SHE TAUGHT YOU ABOUT  
US WAS POISONED  
BY HER HATE!

WHAT YOU  
REALLY NEED TO  
KNOW ABOUT US--  
ABOUT WHO WE  
ARE--

--IS THE  
TRUTH!







MOTHER  
BOX SECURED!  
I--

HH.



YOU  
STUPID,  
STUPID  
BOY!

WHAT  
HAVE YOU  
DONE TO  
HER?



NNNGH!

REZZT  
RECALCULATING...

NEW DATA...  
CONFLICTS  
WITH...WITH...



EMERGENCY  
OVERRIDE!

THIS  
IS WALLER,  
YOU MISERABLE  
PUNK! HOW DARE  
YOU HURT HER  
THAT WAY?

HOW DARE  
YOU?!



I WILL  
TURN EVERY  
CELL IN YOUR  
BODY TO  
ASH!







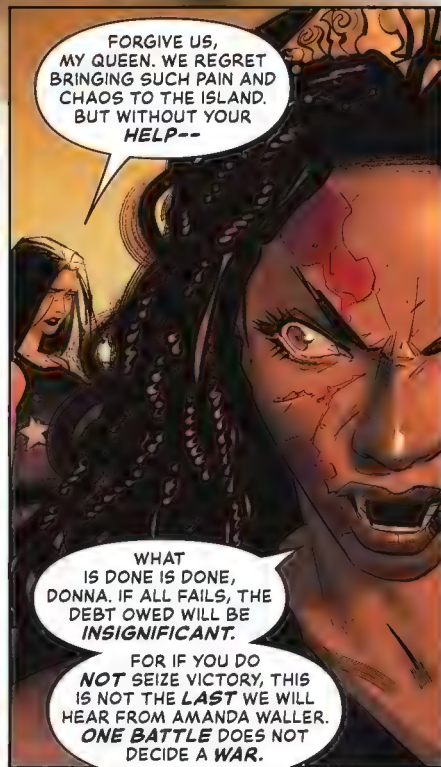


IT'S  
OKAY, SON.  
IT'S OVER.

AND I AM  
SO PROUD  
OF YOU.



YOU  
SAVED US  
ALL.



FORGIVE US,  
MY QUEEN. WE REGRET  
BRINGING SUCH PAIN AND  
CHAOS TO THE ISLAND.  
BUT WITHOUT YOUR  
HELP--

WHAT  
IS DONE IS DONE,  
DONNA. IF ALL FAILS, THE  
DEBT OWED WILL BE  
INSIGNIFICANT.

FOR IF YOU DO  
**NOT** SEIZE VICTORY, THIS  
IS NOT THE **LAST** WE WILL  
HEAR FROM AMANDA WALLER.  
**ONE BATTLE** DOES NOT  
DECIDE A WAR.







**WALLER'S  
SUPERMAX  
SUBBASEMENT.**

OKAY,  
MYSTERY VOICE,  
IF YOU CAN HEAR  
ME, I'M WHERE YOU  
TOLD ME TO GO,  
AND--

OH, MY  
GOD... THAT'S A  
TRANSMATTER  
MACHINE.

AND  
THE MAP... MY  
MAP, THE ONE I'VE  
BEEN CHARTING...  
BUT HOW...?

HOW ELSE?  
SHE STOLE IT  
LIKE SHE'S TAKEN  
EVERYTHING  
ELSE.

AND  
SHE'S USING  
IT--

AND  
SHE'S USING  
IT TO BUILD A  
MULTIVERSAL  
ARMY...!

**NEXT:**

**THE FINAL BATTLE.**



**LAST STAND ON PARADISE ISLAND!**

**JON KENT FIGHTS BACK AS  
ABSOLUTE  
POWER  
CONTINUES**

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# ABSOLUTE POWER #3

**POWERLESS HEROES TEAM WITH ELITE AMAZONS  
IN THE LATEST BLOCKBUSTER CHAPTER FROM  
MARK WAID and DAN MORA!**

**SEPTEMBER**



**DON'T MISS THE FATEFUL FINALE IN OCTOBER!**



# BATMAN

## THE BARBARIAN

### INTERVIEW WITH GREG SMALLWOOD

In a world where unspeakable beasts slither through silent temples, only one man has the strength of will and brute force to protect the people...the fearsome, blade-wielding Batman. But when an all-seeing Oracle warns him of a shadow creeping across the land, he will have to contend with foes that can't be dispatched by sword alone. DC Nation sat down with Eisner Award-winning artist Greg Smallwood to discuss both writing and illustrating this Elseworlds epic.

**What does it mean to be contributing to the relaunch of the iconic Elseworlds line?**

Well, the comic obviously draws inspiration from those classic Elseworlds tales I grew up with. It's a unique thrill to be able to play in the DC sandbox with characters like Batman while also having the freedom to take them into entirely new realms and situations. That blend of deep lore and imaginative exploration is what makes Elseworlds so exciting.

**What has it been like to not only draw this story, but write it as well?**

Writing and drawing this story has been a blast. My previous DC project, *The Human Target*, was a perfect match for my artistic style, as its noir aesthetic aligned with my sensibilities.

However, when it comes to sword and sorcery, I knew that not every aspect of the genre would naturally gel with me as an artist or visual storyteller. What the writing allows me to do is find that balance between the genre's conventions and my own little idiosyncrasies.

**Have you always been a fan of this kind of rugged sword-and-sorcery world, and why do you think it works well for Batman?**

I've been a huge fan of sword and sorcery ever since I was a teen, but the big appeal for me is simply the visual aesthetics of the genre. When I was a kid, sword-and-sorcery paperbacks and VHS boxes would always catch my eye; the amazing covers promised grand epics with spellbinding visuals and

captivating characters. My goal with *Batman the Barbarian* is to deliver on that promise.

**Can you tease fans with your favorite scene from the first issue?**

We've seen Batman's origin countless times, but it was really fun to put my own spin on it. I won't say any more than that.

**Can you describe this series in five words?**

Visceral, raw, and action-packed.



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